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Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

TEACHING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY ACT

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, throughout this pandemic, Asian Americans have been facing a second virus—that of hate and discrimination. In fact, since the beginning of the pandemic, hate incidents against Asian Americans have skyrocketed 150 percent. Our community is being scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result, have been victim to the most hateful, cowardly, and despicable attacks. Our children and elderly especially are being ruthlessly under attack. There are nearly 4,000 reported incidents of Asian Americans being spat on, stabbed, verbally abused, beaten, slashed, and most recently murdered in a tragic and senseless mass shooting. Our parents are scared to leave their homes and walk down the street. Parents are scared to let their children go outside and play or to even go to school.

Asian Americans, however, know this violence and racism directed at our community is not new. From the “yellow peril” scare of the 1800s, which paved the way for the Page Act of 1875 and the Chinese Exclusion Act, to the unjust incarceration of the Japanese Americans during World War II, our history includes shameful accounts of institutionalized discrimination and racism towards Asian Americans.

Madam Speaker, since the 1700s, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (APIs) have made immeasurable contributions to our nation throughout its history. APIs have shaped the fabric of our country with contributions to our infrastructure, economy, and our military. Unfortunately, for generations, Asian Pacific American history has been poorly represented in our K-12 education system and social studies textbooks. This misrepresentation renders APIs invisible and leads to the perception that we are “forever foreigners.”

In fact, growing up, I was never taught of the expansive contributions of Asian Americans throughout our history. I barely learned about Chinese immigrants who built the transcontinental railroad connecting the East and West Coasts. My history textbooks never taught that slaves built the U.S. Capitol, the very heart of our democracy.

Madam Speaker, the gaps in our collective history prevent our nation from moving forward

in in solidarity and allyship. We cannot create a shared future where all can achieve the American Dream unless we learn from our shared history. In this time of great misinformation and discrimination against Asian Americans, we need greater cultural awareness and understanding of our community's history within the foundations of our U.S. history.

That is why I rise today to announce the re-introduction of my Teaching Asian Pacific American Act to promote the teaching and learning of Asian Pacific American history in K-12 schools. Specifically, my bill would require Presidential and Congressional Academies' grant applicants and recipients to include Asian Pacific American history as part of their history and civics programs offered to students and teachers. Furthermore, it would encourage the inclusion of Asian Pacific American history within national and state tests administered through the National Assessment of Educational Progress and promote collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution's Asian Pacific American Center to develop innovating programming.

Madam Speaker, in order to create a shared future for all Americans, we have to learn from the mistakes of our past. I thank my colleagues who have joined me in this critical legislation, and I urge its swift passage so that our nation can move forward in healing.

DANIEL ROSALES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Daniel Rosales for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Daniel Rosales is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daniel Rosales is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Daniel Rosales for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. SHANTI PANDEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, retired Dr. Shanti Pandey.

Dr. Shanti Pandey is being recognized for both her service and for her successful tenure